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REMARKS

I. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2005, please consider the following remarks.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action appears to indicate that the subject matter of claims 13-15 and 37 would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants acknowledge the Office Action's indication of allowable subject matter, but because the Applicants hereby submit a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection described below, amendment of claims 13-15 and 37 is unnecessary.

III. Office Action Double Patenting Rejection

In paragraphs (3)-(4), the Office Action provisionally rejects claim(s) 1-2, 11-12, 14, 16, 23-26, and 35-36 under the judicially-created doctrine of double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 10, 17-18, 28, 36, and 44-50 co-pending application serial number 09/620,772.

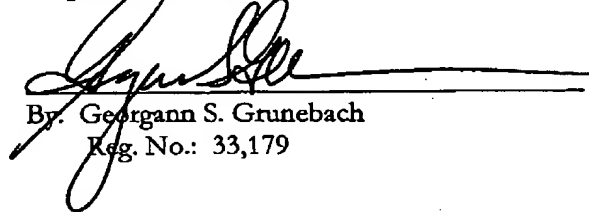
The Applicants hereby submit a terminal disclaimer, thus mooted this rejection.

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IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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